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## Andover Complete Street Policy

**“Purpose:** Local Community policies can establish a sustainable model for a Healthy “Town of Andover”. The **Village of Andover** is responsible for funding, operating and maintaining the majority of the streets in the **Village of Andover**. This “Complete Streets” policy will ensure the highest quality along with consistent implementation of pedestrian and bicycle transportation systems.

**Proposed Policy:** **Village of Andover** hereby adopts the policy of “Complete Streets” as a guiding principle for our infrastructure. “Complete Streets” are defined as facilities that “are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and bus riders of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across a complete street.”

The **Village of Andover** will support the development of a complete system of bikeways and pedestrian facilities, and shared use paths, bicycle parking and safe crossings connecting residences, businesses and public places. The **Village of Andover** will promote walking and bicycling for health, environmental sustainability, exercise, transportation and recreation.

The **Village of Andover** believes Pedestrian and bicycle safety is always of the utmost importance. The Town of Andover will illustrate this by ensuring that proper signage is installed on village streets that will alert drivers to pedestrian/ bicycle areas and direct pedestrians/ bicyclists to the proper places to cross roads.

- Show Pedestrians / bicyclists where to cross - and where not to cross.
- Alert drivers approaching crosswalks so they can slow down and look out for pedestrians/ bicyclists.

Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities shall be provided in all new construction, reconstruction and maintenance projects in the **Village of Andover** unless one of the following conditions is met:

\* Pedestrians and Bicyclists are prohibited by law from using the roadway. In this instance, pedestrians and bicyclists will be accommodated elsewhere within the right of way or within the same transportation corridor.

\*In cases where the existing right-of-way does not allow for sidewalks, bike lanes, paths or other improvements, potential alternatives will include the appropriate use of paved shoulders, signage, traffic calming and/or enhanced education and enforcement.

Pedestrian and bicycle facilities will be provided and maintained in accordance with guidelines adopted by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Programs (CHIPS), and the American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The Village of Andover will also follow the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, or **MUTCD**, which defines the standards used by road managers nationwide to install and maintain traffic control devices on all public streets, highways, bikeways, and private roads open to public travel. Site plan and subdivision reviews will incorporate these facilities.